Market

gether; and they carried out their agreement resterday. Unwilling to leave their two chil-dren "to suffer and fight life alone," as the mether wrote, they dooned them to the same fate. Death came by the hand of the husband and father. After turning on the gas in their spartments behind his grocery at 426 Columbus avenue he waited until his wife and children were unconscious, then killed them with a hatchet as they lay. With their blood on his hands he sat down and wrote his last note, and then shot himself twice—once in the head and

once in the breast. When the police broke into the place yesterterday morning it was like a shambles. All the victims had been dead several hours, and the letters found in the front room of the apartments told the whole pitcous story. James Ford, one of the clerks in the store, when he came to open up at 6 o'clock yesterday morning smelled gas. An attempt to get into the living spartments of the Matthewses proving futile, he alled Policeman Vliet, who broke open the door and staggered back as the gas flowed out. When the air was partly cleared both men went in. In the front room, used as a parlor, there was no confusion. Several letters lay on the table, and standing near were two empty champagne bottles. It was in the bedroom adjoining

that the tragedy was disclosed.

On the floor lay the body of Matthews, naked to the waist. There was a bullet hole in the left breast over the heart and the face was hardly recognizable, for a bullet from the pistol pressed toto the mouth had shattered it. The body of Mrs. Matthews lay in the bed. The head had been backed to pieces. The bed in which 13-rear-old Hattle slept stands in an alcove. The girl had been killed as her mother was, and so had her brother Schuyler, who was two years younger. In each case there had been a terrible thoroughness about the work. Life could not have lingered five minutes after those crushing blows had been struck. The burner had been wrenched from the stie-wall gas fixture, and gas was still pouring into the room until the officer turned it off. Then the two men, sick and half fainting, staggered out into the open sir. Word was at once sent to Police Captain Price of the West Sixty-eighth street station, and the investigation began.

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"DEAR SIRS: You will please zive us burial; then sell the store and fixtures and pay for burial, which should be inexpensive. There are not more than a few outstanding accounts. Then to yourselves each take \$50 and give the balance to the landlord. You should be able to close it up in a week. Please deliver household goods to the person to whom Mrs. Matthews has written. I request that a special messenger be sent to Mrs. George Reid, at 702 East 170th street, with the little package on the deak; also a special messenger to John Lanfler of Park & Tilford, Twenty-first street, and Broadway, Give Schuyler's bloyele to George Reid, which you will find on the shelving in the back of the store.

William Johnson is Ford's fellow clerk in the store. Besides the package referred to, there was a letter addressed to Mrs. George Reid which you will find on the shelving. It referred to Mrs. Matthews's handwriting. It referred to the store that the store have been for years, they have done that has left me less than a woman, and said in part: "I can't tell you why we have done this more than this: We are both tired of life, as we can't get well. Mrs Matthews as well as myself is not well, nor has been for years, they be looked beath, May I ask you, as a last favor, to come and see that the proper thing is done for us and no strangers allowed to enter and gape. My cousin will doubtloss be sent for and arrive wome time during the day from Poughkeepsic. If you will take charge of us until then I will be much obliged to you. I have laid out a few underdothes on my bed.

"I want Hattie in white and flowers, and my dear little man in a new suit if necessary.

"O my darlings, I hate to take them, but I a

that will take his own life. It is very hard to do."

The rest of this note relates to private family affairs. It is signed "Minnie." Near the end it subodies an urgent request that the bodies be buried in Highlands, N. Y., where Mrs. Mathews's family lives. On the same table was a letter to a Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gonzales of Texas in Mathews's writing, and near it these reflections, scribbled on a bit of paper and addressed to no one, but signed "J. H. M.:"

"No healthy man or woman can commit sufcide from poverty or business reverses. He is so healthy that hope and activity are boiling within him. My wonder is that suicide is not more common. It seems to me a wonderful provision of nature that a man need not live when life is burdensome."

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Finally there was found, on a pad of business writing paper, smeared with blood and with the impress of a bloody thumb upon it, this note written by Matthews after he had killed all his family;

"Oh, the horrible thing I have to do to keep my word! I promised that all should go, and the gas was no good. If I could only have died alone! I loved my wife and children. I told her I didn't want to go into any business, as my mind was gone, and I guess my nerve is all that was left. For they years we have talked it over. I always want d to go in a boat and have it captaes accidentally. I knew that otherwise I would have a hard thus of it.

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By these letters and the evidence of the room, the whole traged was unfolded. The two empty champagne bottles told of the preparation. Matthews and his wife had nerved themselves up to the deed. The children were already in bed. Mrs. Matthews, bidding her husband farewell, went to her bed, and he wrenched off the gas burner. Int the action of the gas was to slow, or perhavs his wife and the original of the gas burner. Int the action of the gas was to slow, or perhavs his wife and the children meaned and tossed as they were being poisoned by the fumes, and he could not bear the sight. He had thrown off his coat and waistoost, and now, rolling up his sleeves, he went and got the hatchet. Undoubtedly the woman and children were stupefied before the blows were struck. It was all over in a minute's space. Matthews, widower and childless, dropped the hatchet, tore off his blood-stained shirt and undershirt, and threw them into the bathroom. Then he same out and wrote the note telling of his keeping the promise made. Another slip of paper bears the figures "2:30." Perhaps that was the time of the killing. Two shots from his revolver finished the night's work. The bodies were cold when they were found at 6.0 clock. Is answer to a telegram from Capt. Price, Mrs. Grorge Reid, to whom one of the letters was addressed, came to the place. She opened the package addressed is her and found in it some clothing and a small dictionary.

"Tals is a most terrible shock to me," said Mrs. Reid, "I know that Mr. Matthews had see alless and trouble preyed upon him. But I awerdreamed that the could persuade Minnie to it. There is no doubt but it was all done as he letters say, for the letter is in her writing, it was only yesterday Minnie and the children came to see me, and they seemed to be in the silvest that that time,"

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From M. Lunder and others it is learned that Mathews had had business reverses, but it is activated that they preved upon his mind to say great extent. Those who knew him ensually secribe him as a cheerful and light-hearted set of a man. He came here sixteen years ago from Texas, where he had made a little money is called dealing. He was then 30 years old, the bouse of some friends he met 20-year-old, almost before of Hirchland F. dis, and in a year less seem arried. His income was sufficient for soe, but not for two, so he went into business starting a furnishing store on Broadway and lost The he Surrevant House. He failed, lost 7, and make another venture, also unsue it is the grocery husiness at 426 Columbus to the place did not propose r. Hauk prepares and the snow to his nome, over a mile distinct the grocery husiness and factor her sold in the proposed form of the Academy of Music in Brooklyn's Frotest Against Postal Cut.

A mass meeting is to be held at the Academy of Music in Brooklyn on Thursday night to proposed reduction in the postal service. All the leading business men in Brooklyn on which she undoubtedly was considered and the consequent curtainment in deliveries.

ALL THE FAMILY SLAIN.

**A MISERABLE COUPLE DIE WITH THE BUSDAND OF STREET MURDERED CHILDREN.

The Busband and Father Shot Bisself by Agreement with his Wife After Singulary.

Worn by disease and family unhappiness for which neither of them was in fault, John Herman Matth. was and his wife Minnle, who fifteen myear ago promised before the altar love and getter; and they carried out their agreement getter.

STEVENS'S HODY FOUND.

Police Headquarters Telegraph 'an, Who Was

to Have Married Miss Danser, a Suicide. The mystery of the disappearance of George Francis Stevens, the Police Headquarters telegraph operator who had been missing since Nov. 20, was solved yesterday by the finding of his body in the East River, at the Fulton Ferry slip. The body was identified by Dennis A. Lanigan. who is a telegraph operator at Police Headquar ters, and was a life-long friend of Stevens. Lanigan, the moment he saw Stevens's sleeve but tons, identified the dead body. One button bore the initials W. M. T. and the other was plain.

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Lanigan explained that W. M. T. stood for William M. Tweed, who presented Stevens with the
sleeve buttons. Stevens lost one of the buttons,
but always wore the other.
Stevens, a week before he disappeared, told his
fellow operators at Police Headquarters that he
had an attack of the blues, and that if he did
not recover soon he would kill himself.
The day before he disappeared he left a note
in his room saying that "If affything happened"
his cousin, Albort T. Dowe, at 165th street and
Walton avenue, should be notified. This convinced his friends that he had committed suicide.
There was a romance in the life of Stevens.
More than a score of years ago, when at Police
Headquarters, he was engaged to be married to
the daughter of Mathias M. Danser, an old-time
gambler, who died in 1877, leaving a fortune of
\$750,000 to his widow and daughter.
Miss Danser died two days before the date set
for the wedding, and Stevens, it is said, was
never the same man afterward, the memory of
his diance's de-th always hanging over nim.
Miss Danser left him a legacy of \$30,000.
Stevens, who was 66 years old at the time of
his death, bore somewhat of a resemblance to
Chauncey M. Depew, and it pleased the veteran
very much to be hailed at Headquarters as
"Chauncey."

SUICIDE OR ACCIDENTY

A Substitute Public School Teacher Leaps e Falls from a Roof.

Cecilia Le Huntte, 20 years old, of 13 St. Mark's place, was killed yesterday morning by a fall or leap from the roof of the house to the street. She had gone to the roof to stretch a clothesline, and it is not known how she fell. Her father, mother, and brother, with whom she lived, are positive that she lost her balance while attempting to look down into the street, and the police report that her death was due to accident; but the fact that she was low-spirited for some time, while there is a high cornice at the edge of the roof, give some color to a the-cry of snields.

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Miss Le Huntte had done substitute teacher's work in the Chrystie atrect school, and had made several applications for appointment as a regular teacher, but had not been appointed. On Sunday night she wrote to the Superintendent of Schools, but did not post the letter. She was graduated from the Normal College last June with a high rank.

SUICIDE DUE TO CRAPS.

A Hotel St. Marc Hall Boy Shoets Mimse After Losing His Christmas Tips.

Walter Brett, a 19-year-old negro, of 214 West Twenty-eighth street, died yesterday in Roose velt Hospital of a pistol shot wound self-inflicted after losing his money at craps.

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Brett, who came from virginia, was head hail boy in the Hotel St. Marc. Thirty-ninth street and Fifth avenue. Brett collected a lot of tips after the holidays. He was passionately fond of crap playing, and lost all his money last Saturday. He returned home Sunday morning and shot himself through the neck. He was taken to the hospital, where he begged the doctors piteously to save his life, saying he wanted to live.

A SCHUETZEN CORPS SUICIDE.

Richard Tracger of Hoboken Shoots Himse

Richard Traeger, 35 years old, a marksman in the Hoboken Schuetzen Corps, who kept a saloo at 416 Bloomfield street in that city, shot him self through the head in his barroom yesterday morning with a rifle which he used in target practice at the corps' summer outings. A widow and five children survive him. He purchased the saloon about two months ago. It is said that the investment proved unprofitable.

Suicide of Hamilton McDowell.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 17.-Hamilton McDow ell, aged 52 years, one of the best known wood engravers and illustrators in the city, commitsuicide by swallowing a solution of cyanid of potassium at his office in the Woods building, 303 West Lombard street, at 9 o'clock this morning. Mr. McDowell was a native of New York, and came to this city about soventeen years ago. In 1891 he married a Baltimore lady. His parents are both dead. Three sisters survive him in New York.

MISSING WITH HER CHILD.

Unexplained Bisappearance of a Guest of th

The police of this city were asked yesterday by the proprietor of the Grand Hotel, at Broad way and Thirty-first street, to find Mrs. A. W. Campbell, who, accompanied by a 4-year-old child, engaged a room at the hotel on the night of Jan. 9 and went away the next day. She has not since been heard from by her relatives or

Mrs. Campbell registered from Berlin and asked for an inexpensive room. After being assigned to it she got some paper and envelope

went away the next morning she left her room door unlocked and notified no one of her intention.

On the following Friday the hotel proprietor received a letter from the woman's husband inquiring if she had stopped at the hotel, and in reply to a telegram from the hotel announcing her abrupt departure, he wrote again on Saturday requesting that the pelice be notified of her disappearance. He wrote that he feared that she had been taken fill, and that harm might have befallen her. His letter was written upon a letter head of the Great Southern Hotel, at Columbus, O. The letter intimated that he had expected his wife to stop with friends in this city, but that he had communicated with them and learned that they had not seen or heard anything of her.

The missing woman did not pay for her room when she registered, explaining that she would probably occupy it until she made arrangements to lodge with some friends. She left in her room a hand satchel containing a number of toilet articles. After she had gone a letter was received from the West in her husband's handwriting, which is believed to be an answer to the letter obe wrote to him the night she arrived at the hotel. A woman answering Mrs. Campbell's description was seen going toward the Twenty-third street ferry on Sunday.

Favors Ceding the Hamburg Canal to the City

ALBANY, Jan. 17 .- Superintendent George W. Aldridge of the State Department of Public Works favors ceding the Hamburg Canal, in the city of Buffalo, to that municipality. The canal property was originally acquired from the city property was originally acquired from the city. The Hamburg Canal is about three miles long, and has not been used for commercial purposes in several years. It is utilized now as an outlet for the sewage of Buffalo. Superintendent Aldridge says the State has never been able to make any practical use of this canal, and that it is impossible to attempt a description of the present vileness and unsanitary condition of the canal and its menace to the comfort and health of the city of Buffalo.

Accused of Burning His Wife's Barn.

BINGHAMTON, Jan. 17.-James Canniff was arrested to-day charged with the burning of a harn last night belonging to his wife at North Fenton. The barn was entirely destroyed, and Fenton. The barn was entirely destroyed, and three horses, three cows, and about 100 chickens and turkeys, besides a large quantity of hay and farming atensits, valued at \$2,500, were consumed. Canniff had not lived with his wife for some time, and it is said he had often threatened to turn her out. A hired man saw Canniff skulking about the barn a short time before the fire, and he was tracked by officers through the snow to his home, over a mile distant.

CASH TO RUN THE CITY.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE HEARS THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

Demands Partigulars and Not Bequisitions for Lump Same Municipal Assembly Promises to Cost \$200,000 a Year-The Borough

Presidents Are Doing Considerable Gurming The Board of Estimate began yesterday to consider the estimates for 1898 for the city departments, as now constituted. The Mayor apparently does not intend to allow any appropriations to be rushed through without careful examination, and he insists on knowing just what the money is to be spent for. He mitted a partial estimate for the expenses of his Horough Coroner Guy assumed charge of the office, which included his own salary and the salaries of his private secretary and the clerks and attendants under his immediate control. The amount asked for these purposes was \$36,-000. The Mayor said he had increased the force in his office by adding an assistant chief | Queens county has advised him that he still has clerk and two confidential clerks so that a rec- | the authority. Coroner Guy declares that he ord might be kept of all warrants, bonds and pay rolls signed by him. The item was passed. City Clerk Scully asked for \$200,000 for the expenses of the Municipal Assembly and his Queens county received another twist yesteroffice. Of this amount \$68,000 was for the day through legal proceedings instituted by the

Connell, and it included Mr. Scully's salary, \$7,000; the salary of President Guggenhelmer, \$5,000; the salary of twenty-eight Councilmen at \$1,500 each and \$14,000 to be distributed among twenty-nine clerks and assistants. The expenses of the Board of Aldermen, including the salary of sixty members at \$1,000 each, were put at \$87,000. For his own office the City Clerk asked for \$15,800 for salaries, \$8,500 for contingencies, \$7,454 for the Brooklyn branch and \$3,000 each for branch offices in the smaller boroughs. The estimate was referred to the Comptroller for examination.

President Peters of the borough of Manhattan wanted \$50,000 for his department. He said that an immense amount of money would have to be spent by him in advertising. President Grout of the borough of Brooklyn asked for only \$14,250. President Haften of the borough of the Bronx wanted \$36,820, including the pay of a corps of engineers. President Howley of the berough of Queens asked for a lump sum of \$17,000.

"You can't get anything through here unless you specify what you want the money for," said the Mayor, tersely.

"I don't know just what I do want it for," replied Mr. Bowley. "I was in hopes that this board would fix the number of clerks, &c." "That's a matter for you to find out," said the Mayor.

"Well, I noticed that some of the others didn't specify what they wanted," persisted the President of the borough of Queens.

"Ah, but their appropriations haven't been made yet, have they!" asked his Honor, and all the estimates of the borough Presidents were referred to the Comptroller.

David J. Roche, the Mayor's First Marshal, asked for \$17,155, which is the amount appropriated for the License Bureau by the old Heard of Estimate.

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Dr. John T. Nagle, Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Statistics, asked for \$23,400. The charter provides that the expenses of the breau of Municipal Statistics, asked for \$23,400. The charter provides that the expenses of the breau "shall not exceed \$10,000 a year, unless otherwise provided for by the Board of Estimate." Dr. Nagle read an elaborate statement showing what similar bureaus cost in this country and in France, Germany, and Esgland.

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Comptroller Coler asked for \$774,427.73, an increase of \$63,011.25 over the amount required last year to administer the finances of all the cities and towns taken into the consolidation. He said that for lack of sufficient help in the past the books of the department here had got behindhand, and also that the estimates of Brooklyn made by the old board had omitted one large item and cut another down too much. The appropriation was passed at the amount asked for.

President Feitner of the Department of Taxes asked for \$322,600, and got it.

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.

-Many Park Laborers Discharged.

These employees of the City Clerk's office in Brooklyn were removed yesterday by order of City Clerk Scully: Alfred Hobley, license clerk; William P. Griffiths, deputy clerk; Frank Squire, bond and warrant clerk; Henry Jacquillard, license clerk; Fred C. Inles, steno gapher; John S. Young, warrant clerk.

Park Commissioner Brower dismissed seventy laborers, there being nothing for them to do at this season of the year. President Cram of the Dock Department made a tour of inquiry in the borough of

Brooklyn yesterday.

Deputy Fire Commissioner Tully has been notified by Chief Dashly of the Rockaway Beach district that he has eight companies, comprising 188 men under his command, and

he has asked for a team of horses, an engineer and a driver for Arverne and Seaside. Justice Maddox of the Supreme, Court has sued an order, directing Bridge Commissioner Shea to show cause why Edward Barr should

er Shea to show cause why Edward Barr should not be reinstated in his place as treasurer of the bridge. Mr. Barr contends that, being a war veteran, his dismissal was illegal.

Civil Service Commissioner Dykman held a conference yesterday with Bridge Commissioner Shea over the status of the various bridge employees, and at its close Mr. Shea said that there was no doubt that he had the power to remove everybody in the department. So far as appointments were concerned, he was of the opinion that they must be made from the civil service lists.

The Democratic County Committee will meet to-night and issue a call for the primaries, which will be held in the first week in February. With a view to prevent factional warfare, the minor patronage will not be distributed until after the primaries. Police Captains Short and Druhan are thelleading candidates for the two additional inspectors for Brooklyn and Queens.

The application of Alonzo Brymer for a writ

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The application of Alonzo Brymer for a writ of mandamus to compel Fire Commissioner Scannell to, reinstate him as Fire Marshal was denied by Justice Maddox yesterday. Justice Maddox holds that the proceeding by mandamus was not the proper remedy, but that the action should be in the nature of quo warranto proceedings. He does not pass upon the merits of the case. Under, his decision J. Morrisoy Gray, who was sworn in as Fire Marshal, is periorming the duties of that office. Hefore Mr. Brymer can begin quo warranto proceedings he must apply to the Attorney-General, who will decide whether there is a sufficient cause of action.

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An order was granted by Justice Maddox yesterday requiring County Register Haggerty to show cause to-day why he should not receive a satisfaction of a mortgage, acknowledged theore Charles A. Clayton, a Commissioner of Deeds, recently appointed by the Municipal Assembly. It is a friendly action and is based upon the alleged necessity for additional legislation to make appointments to office of Commissioner of Deeds under the new charter.

SOME 'OFERWORKED POLICEMEN. organts and Roundamen in Richmond Who

Need a Twenty-four-Hour Sleep. Richmond has a squad of weary Sergeants and oundsmen who are working overtime and to whom a twenty-four-hour opportunity for sleep would be a blessing. The Police Commissioners at the first of the year suspended two Sergeants and two roundsmen in order to investigate their standing in the department. The men had been promoted by the old Commissioners just before nsolidation took effect. Ever since the sus-majors the men on duty have been working pensions the men on duty have been working overtime and two men at each station have been doing four men's work. As a consequence they have lost sleep and meals, and the necessity for eighteen hours' work at the desk at one stricth has all but broken down some of the men. Some of the men are unable to get to their homes. When their day off comes around they are sent over to East Now York to drill, and that takes the entire day. They miss all opportunity to res, and return more weary than when they left the island. In the meantime the suspended men are having an easy time of it.

New Appointments to Office.

Following is the list of appointments to office under the city government made yesterday: Assistants to the Corporation Counsel, James
W. Robert of Long Island City and Peter P.
Hrady of New York county.
Assistant Clerk in the Fifth District Municipal Court, borough of Brooklyn, Eugene A. Curran.

Municipal Courts Came In on Jan. 1. Justice Daly of the Supreme Court decides

that the intent of the charter was that the Municipal Courts should supersent the District Courts on Jan. 1 last. He overrales Justice Holte, and directs him to entitle in the Munici-pal Court actions brought since Jan. 1. New Broom Where It Was Needed.

The Oriminal Courts building was thoroughly leaned yesterday by order of Commissioner Kearney of the Department of Public Buildings. It hadn't been more than half clean before since it was opened.

BOROVOR OF QURENS.

ival Caroners Wenusie Over an loquest-

Coroner Ira M. Clapp of Flushing and Borough Coroner S. S. Guy are in conflict over jurisdiction in a case at Whitestone, Edward Titus was found dead in bed at his home there on last Saturday morning. Although he had been ill for a long time, he had no attention from a physician within twenty-four hours prior to his death. Coroner Clapp, who is an officer of Queens county, and whose term, he says, has two years to run, was on the scene one hour after Titus's body was found. He prepared to hold the inquest. Titus's funeral took place this afternoon. About 8 o'clock this morning case. He contends that he has jurisdiction, as the death occurred within the borough of Queens. Coroner Clapp insists that the case is rightfully his. He says he will continue with his duties, and that one of the ablest lawyers in

also will hold an inquest.

The snarl between the Comptroller's office and the office of County Treasurer Phipps of Queens county received another twist yesterday through legal proceedings instituted by the Barber Asphalt Company. Treasurer Phipps had declined to turn over to Comptroller Coler funds belonging to a part of the county included in the borough, and the Comptroller appealed to the courts to compel Mr. Phipps to hand over the funds. While the matter was pending Treasurer Phipps was enjoined from paying out any of the money upon audited claims until the courts had disposed of the question. The Barber Asphalt Company has a claim for \$50,000 which it is anxious to collect. Treasurer Phipps could not pay it without violating the order of the court in the other proceeding, and an order to show cause why he should not pay the claim has been served upon him. The order is returnable to may in Brook-lyn.

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There was a rush of Flushing property owners at the old City Hall, Long Island City, yesterday. They wanted to pay their taxes. It was the last day on which the taxes could be paid without a penality, and those in arrears commenced to gather outside the building before the office was open. The police had to keep the crowd in line, so that persons having business with other departments in the building could pass in and out. A majority of those in line were women. The clerks worked as rapidly as possible, but were unequal to the demands made upon them, and the office remained open after the usual hour in order to accommodate the people in line.

THE MAINE TO REMAIN ATKEY WEST Consul-General Telegraphs That "Matters Are Onter " in Havana.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.-The battleship Maine will not leave Key West for target practice, as reported in the newspapers last week, until the other vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron arrive off that port. Statements that she would put to sea a day or two before the squadron reached the Florida coast and join the flagship were erroneous.. It was learned at the Navy Department to-day that the Maine had received no orders to engage in gunnery exercise. Admiral Sicard; will communicate with her when his formidable array of armorelads approaches her present station. It is his purpose to send one of his ships into Key West harbor to tell Capt. Sigsbee that the squadron is waiting for the Maine. The naval authorities do not want the entire fleet to anchor off Key West for fear that, its presence there will be the basis of incendiary rumors, and in his instructions to commanding officers Admiral Sicard said that no vessel should go there unless expressly directed or in case of emergency.

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One telegram containing reference to the situation in Havana was received at the "state Department from Consul-General Lee to-day. It was timed 2:45 P. M., and said that up to 2:15 P. M. "matters were quiet." This meagre information was tagged to the end of a despatch sent by the Consul-General in answer to an inquiry from the department, based on complaints that the relief supplies shipped from the United States had not been landed and distributed at Havana on account of irksome Custom House restrictions. It is worthy of note, however, that the brief mention of the situation by Gen. Lee was given out officially by the department in a typewritten bulletin blaced on the builetin board in the office of the chief clerk. All the other information sent by Gen. Lee about the Havana disturbances was not made public officially. The meaning of the action to-day is that the Government wants to quiet apprehension in this country by giving the impression that the trouble in the Cuban capital is over. But the Government does not believe that order has been restored permanently and looks for further outbreaks of a more serious character. A rumor reached the State Department to-day from an unofficial source that the American Consulate in Havana had been attacked and Gen. Lee Killed. The fact that the despatch from the Consul-General was received after the rumor had been in circulation some time, corroborated the statement of the department that it was utterly absurd.

A telegram was sent to Gen. Lee's reponse came. The text of his despatch was not made public, but its contents were paraphrased in this note given to the press:

"Consul-General Lee wires the Department of State that the delay in the delivery of supplies and he thinks that there will be no difficulty hereafter in landing supplies. He reports matters quiet at 2:15 P. M. to-day.

"The Concho is a Ward line steamer from New York She bore food, clothing, and medicine purchased by the Central Relief Committees of which Stephen E. Barton is C One telegram containing reference to the situation in Havana was received at the "tate De-

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Inquiry at the State Department showed that up to date about \$15,000 had been contributed to the relief fund. More money is being collected, and will ultimately be sent to the department. The reports to the department are that 200,000 people are in need of assistance. Fifteen thousand dollars will not feed these for one day. The department received \$9.64 to day, contributed by the students of a girls' accademy at Decorsh, Ia.

CUBA NEEDS MORE AID.

Despatch from Consul-tioneral Lee Asking for Further Relief Supplies.

Consul-General Lee cabled yesterday afternoon from Havana to United States Despatch Agent Roosa here asking that more relief supplies be forwarded by the Central Cuban Relief Committec. This request, which left Havana at 4 P. M., is evidence that no obstruction is being inan. is evidence that no obstruction is being in-terposed by the Spanish Government to relief supplies forwarded from the United States and that no attempt will be made to collect duties on them at Havana. Goods should be shipped through the committee and forwarded by the deepatch agent of the United States Govern-ment at this port. All goods so forwarded are marked "Property of the United States."

DESOLATION IN CUBA. Major Douald, After a Month on the Island, Says It Beggnra Description.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 17.-Major George L Donaid of Meridian, Miss., arrived in this city this morning from a month's tour through Cuba. He norming from a month stour through Cuosa. Ho visited all the principal towns on the island, and met with no inconvenience from the authori-ties except once. Major Donald says that the scenes of suffering and destitution beggar de-scription, and that the tales of horror picturing the condition of affairs on the island have not been in the least exaggerated by the American press.

SENOR COSIO IN NEW YORK. The Pather of Evangelian Costo y Cisnere

Schor Agustin Cosio y Serrano, father of Miss Evangelina Cosio y Cisneros, arrived here yes terday from Havana on the steamer Saratoga. Senor Cosio was released last week by Gen. Bianco after an imprisonment of more than a year. He was charged with the political crimo of rebellion, and suffered greatly during the per-secution of his daughter by Coi. Berriz and Gen. Weyler.

Gov. Black Declines an Invitation to a Dinner ALBANY, Jan. 17.-Gov. Black to-day declined an invitation to attend the annual dinner of the an invitation to attend the annual dinner of the Pine Tree Stat: Club. The dioner will be held in Boston on Wednesday evening. If his other engagements permit the Governor may attend the banquet to be given in this city on that evening by the State Bar Association. TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

German American Insurance Company

OF NEW YORK.

CASH CAPITAL, - - ONE MILLION DOLLARS. JANUARY 1st, 1898.

Bonds and Stocks Owned by the Company.

Market

Par Value	BONDS.	Due.	Value.	Par Value.	BONDS.	Due,	Value.
\$150,000	United States Registered 4 per cent	1907	\$168,000	\$100,000	N. Y., Lackawanna & Wost. R. R. 1st 6 p.c.	1921	\$132,000
825,000	United States Registered 4 per cent	1925	1,051,875	25,000	N. Y., Susquehanna & West. R. R. 1st 5 p. c.	1937	24, 500
75,000	District of Columbia 3.65 per cent	1924	87,750	25,000	N. Y., Sus. & West. R. R. Torm'l let 5 p.c.	1943	26,000
512,500	New York City Adl. Water reg. 3 per cent	1907	502, 250	100,000	N. Y. Cent. & H. R. R. R. Deb. 5 per cent.	1904	106,000
50,000	New York City Adl. Water reg. 314 p. c	1904	50,500	45,000	N. Y., Chicago & St. Louis R. R. First 4 p.c.	1937	45,500
200,000	New York City Dock reg. 3 per cent	1920	194,000	37,000	Pennsylvania Co. Registered 454 per cent.	1921	39,960
50,000	New York City Dock Coupon 314 per cent	1927	53,500	43,000	Pennsylvania Co. Coupon 414 per cent	1921	46,870
115, 284	New York City School House reg. 3 p. c.	1908	112,979	71,000	St. Paul, M. & M. Ry. 1st Con. 6 per. ct.	1933	86,620
75,000	Brooklyn City Registered 3 per cent	1909	78,500	25,000	St.P., Min. & M. Ry. (Mont Ext.)1st 4 p.c.	1937	22, 250
100,000	B'klyn City School B'!d'ng reg. 31/4 p.c.	1936	106,000	30,000	Syracuse, Bingham. & N. Y. Ry. 1st 7 p.c.	1906	36,000
50,000	Boston, Mass., Rap. Tran. lcan reg. 31/4 p.c.	1936	50,500	85,000	West Shore Ry. Co. 1st Guar. 4 p. c. reg.	2361	36, 750
100,000	St. Louis, Mo., 4 per cent	1918	105,000	25,000	Allegheny Street Railway 5 per cent	1920	24,500
50,000	Portland, Ore., Water 5 per cent	1917	55,500	25,000	Minneapolis L. & M. Street Railway 5 p.c.	1919	20,750
75,000	Albany & Susqueh'a R. R. First con. 6 p.c.	1906	84,750	35,000	Metropolitan Street Railway 5 per cent	1997	38,500
20,000	Atch., Top. & Santa Fe Ry. gen. 4 p. c	1995	17, 200	50,000	34th St. Crosstown Ry. 5 per cent	1996	55,500
50,000	Chicago, Rock Isl. & Pac. R. R. First 6 p. c.	1917	- 63,000	25,000	Troy (N. Y.) City Railway Co. 5 p. c	1942	25,750
100,000	Chicago, Rock Isl. &Pac. R. R. First 5 p. c.	1984	103,000	25,000	Edison Electric III. Co. of N. Y. 1st 5 p.a.	1910	27,000
000,03	Central R.R. of N.J. Gen. Coupon 5 p.c.	1987	55,000	25,000	Edison Electric Ill. Co. of N. Y. 1st 5 p. c.	1995	27,500
15,000	Central R. R. of N. J. gen. reg. 5 per cent.	1987	16,500	1,000	Underwriters' Protective Association, of		1000
30,000	Chic, Mil. & St. Paul R.R., L& D. 7p. c.	1908	89,900		Newark, N. J., 5 per cent	1902	980
60,000	Chi., Mil & St. Paul R. R. La Crosse 5 p. c.	1919	64,800	-25,000	Western Union Telegraph Co. 5 per cent.	1938	26,000
30,000	Chi., Mil. & St. Paul R. R. C. & P. W. 5 p. c.	1921	33,300	50,000	Maryland Steel Company 5 per cent	1922	81,500
10,000	Chi., Mil. & St. P., Southern Minn, 6 p. c.	1910	11,400	25,000	Standard Gas Light Co. 5 per cent	1930	27,750
69,000	Chicago & N. W. Ry. Sink'g Fund 5 p. c.	1929	74,520				-3. VA. 3. E.
39,000	Chicago & N. W. Ry. Sink'g Fund 6 p. c.	1929	43, 290		STOCKS.		
55,000	Chicago & N.W. Ry. S. Fd. Deb. 5 p. c.	1933	61,600	1			
80,000	Chicago & N. W. Ry. S. Fd. Deb. 5 p. c.	1909	30,900	10,000	Albany & Susquebanna R. R., 100 shares.		18,000
100,000	Chi., Bur. & Quincy R. R. Chi. and In. 5 p. c.	1906	102,000	40,000	Cleve., Cin., C. & St. L. R. R. Pref., 400 shs.		28,000
25,000	Chi. & East Illinois R. R. 1st Con. 6 p.c.	1934	31,500	80,000	Cayuga & Susquebanna R.R., 1,000 shares.		45,000
27,000	Central Pacific R. R. First 5 per cent	1901	26,400	100,000	Chl, Mil & St. P. R. R. Preferred, 1,000 shs.		141,000
2,000	Central Pacific B. R. First 5 per cent	1898	1,960	65,000	Chicago & N. W. R. R. Preferred, 650 shares.		104, 650
16,000	Central Pacific R. R. First 5 per cent	1900	15,680	20,000	Detroit, Hills. & S. West. R.R., 200 sbrs.		19,000
25,000	Col., Hock. Val. & Tol. Ry. First 5 p. c.	1931	15,750	60,000	Morris & Essex R. R., 1,200 shares		96,000
25,000	Columbus & Ninth Ave. R.R. First 5 p.c.	1993	29,000	131,650	New York & Harlem R. R., 2,633 shares .		408, 115
	C., C., C. & St. Louis R. R. (St. Louis			49,000	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R., 490 shares		88, 200
50,00	Div.) First 4 per cent	1990	45,000	20,000	N. Y., Lack & Western R. R., 200 shares		23,600
120,000	Erie R. R. First Con. 7 per cent	1920	168,000	127,500	Pennsylvania R. R., 2,550 shares		144,075
25,000	Hannibal & St. Joseph R. R. First 6 p.c.	1911	29,500	50,000	Rensselaer & Saratoga R. R., 500 shares.		85,000
25,000	Lexington Ave. & Pavonia F. First 5 p.c.	1993	20,000	30,000	St. Paul, Minn. & Man. R. R., 300 shares.		86,000
25,000	Little Miami R. R. First 5 per cent	1912	25,750	10,000	American ExchangeNational Bank, 100 shs		17,000
100,000	L & Nash. & Mob. & Mont. Joint, 414 p.c.	1945	101,000	36,700	Central National Bank, 367 shares		60,555
25,000	Louisville & Nashville R. R. General 6 p. c.	1930	28, 250	50,000	National Bank of Commerce, 500 shares.		103,500
10,000	Min. & St. L. R.R. (Iowa Ext.) 1st 7 p.c.	1909	12,000	40,000	Fourth National Bank, 400 shares		72,000
25,000	Montana Central R. R. First 6 per cent.	1937	29,000	16,575	German American Bank, 221 shares		18,564
40,000	Mil. & St. Paul Ry. C. & M. 1st 7 p. c	1903	54,800	70,000	Consolidated Gas Company, 700 shares		119,000
20,000	N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. 4 p. c. Con. (1903) Deb.	2000	04,000	80,000	New York Mutual Gas Light Co., 300 shs		88,500
20,000	Cert's	1908	27,600	70,000	Standard Oil Trust, 700 shares		238,000
25,000	Nash., Chat & St. Louis R. R. First 5 p. c	1928	24,500	\$5, 500, 200	Total par and market value	\$6	,969,603
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ASSETS.

Bonds and Stocks as above\$6	5.969,603	0
Cash in Banks and in Office	286, 133	
Cash in hands of Agents and in course of collection	494,981	1
Loans on Bond and Mortgage	58,000	0
Real Estate owned by the Company	15,000	0
Accrued Interest, not included in Market Value	10,981	0
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Reserve for Unexpired Risks......\$2,601,689 81 Reserve for Unsettled Losses...... 302,614 43

Reserve for all other Claims 251,395 50

ROBERT L. KLUM, Assistant Secretary.

CONTRACTOR MORTALLY WOUNDED. Shot by an Employee in a Dispute About s

Bill-Both Italians. Glacomo Gindero, a contractor, of 327 East 106th street, is dying in the Harlem Hospital of a bullet wound in the abdomen. He was attacked on Sunday night almost in front of his own house by Giuseppe Cappala, a laborer, who had been employed by him. There was a dishad been employed by him. There was a dispute as to Cappalla's pay. Cappalla declared
that the contractor refused to pay him what
was due. Gindero says that he paid him in full
for all that he did. They met during the morning and had a hot debate about the bill.
Cappalla lay in wait for him at night and shot
him. Two Italians, named Dominico Carra and
Salvatore Banda, ran out of the adjoining
houses to see what the shooting meant, and
were arrested. The wounded man exonerated
them, and declared that he was wounded by
Cappalla, in an ante-mortem statement made to Cappalla, in an ante-mortem statement made to Coroner Fitzpatrick. The prisoners were dis-charged yesterday morning, and the police are searching for Cappala.

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No Aliens Employed on the Bridge.

The Amalgamated Painters' Union of Brook lyn sent a committee yesterday to complain to Chief Engineer Martin that men who are not citizens are employed on the Brooklyn Bridge. Mr. Martin assured the committee that the union was mistaken.

SAFETY AND 6% ASSURED.

The actual present earnings

and the rapidly increasing value of the properties owned and operated by The John Pettit Realty Company would justify a promise of larger profit to Stockholders; but the statements of the Company are intentionally conservative. They are designed to attract investors, not speculators. The preferred stock is secured by some of the best known and best paying downtown property; it is offered now at par, \$100 per share, and will draw dividends of 6 per cent. from date of purchase. Facts are easily obtainable, and will be presented in fullest detail to all applicants for information.

The John Pettit Realty Co. 30 East 23d St. near Madison square. 93 to 99 Nassau St OFFICES:

YALE'S GAY WEEK.

Causual Preparations for the Junior Prom enade-The Patronesses.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 17,-Never before have such noted names been announced among the patronesses of the various events of Yale's social week as were given out to-night. The social or junior promenade week, as it is called, begins on Saturday, ending next week Wednesday. Guests will arrive by Thursday or Friday, and more than the usual elaborate arrangements are being made for the reception of Perhaps the best known of the younger ma-

the visitors.

Perhaps the best known of the younger matrons who will be present is Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney (Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt) of New York city. She has just accepted an invitation to act as one of the patronesses at the lunior german, and she will also occupy the Vanderbilt. Whitney box at the 'unior promenade concert. Mrs. Whitney comes or invitation of her brother, Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, of the junior class and a member of the tumior promenade committee. Her husband, Harry Payne whitney, Yale, '94. Is expected to accompany her, and it is thought that other members of the families of William C. Whitney, Yale, '56, and Cornelius Vanderbilt will be present.

Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont, wife of the ex-Secretary of War, will be present. She is named as one of the patronesses of the tea to be given by St. Elmo.

Mrs. Eli Whitney, Mrs. Lynde Harrison, Mrs. R. G. Dun, Mrs. William R. Townsend, and Mrs. Knight Cheney of South Manchester are among the other names in the list.

The Yale Juniors are making a big effort to keep the feativities this week from reaching the former extravagant limit of cost and the Yale News has a sober editorial to-day declaring that the custom of Yale men giving their partners flowers for every event of the week is an extravagance and should be stopped. The Junior promenade committee have resucated that the "extravagance" be discontinued this year.

The principal event of the week, the junior promenade, will take place next week Tuesday evening in the Second Regiment Armory.

PAYING OFF ITS LOANS.

The Walter A. Wood Mower and Reaper Company Reducing Its Debt.

TROY, Jan. 17 .- Justice Fursman to-day granted an order authorizing the receivers o the Walter A. Wood Mower and Reaper Company of Hoosic Falls to pay to various banks holding notes against the corporation a sum smounting in the aggregate to about \$250,000. Originally the total amount of the loans was atout \$750,000, the banks holding as scurrity \$831,000 or the first mortgage bonds of the company. When the receivers were appointed these loans had been reduced by the company to about \$4500,000, and have since been reduced by the receivers to \$250,000, which the court authorizes the receivers to pay in full. It is also ordered by Justice Fursman that the \$831,000 of company bonds held as collateral by the banks shall be taken up by the receivers and cancelled. At the time of the appointment of the receivers the floating desired the company amounted to about \$41,700,000. After the payment of the amount now authorized this indebtoiness will have been reduced to \$350,000. The works at Hoosic Falls are now running. About 700 men are employed and the number will soon be increased. A large number of orders have been received. holding notes against the corporation a sum

fron League May Act To-Day.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Iron League will be held to-day at the office of the Jackson Architectural Iron Works. Seven-teenth street and Broadway. The strikes against J. B. & J. M. Cornell will be considered and the league may take some kind of action. LOSES BOTH LEGS.

Leonard W. Jerome Crushed Under a Long Island Stational Train. The man who was run over by a Long Island Hailroad train at Woodbull Park early on Sunday morning and whose legs were badly crushed was identified as Leonard W. Jerome, a former conductor in the rapid transit service. One leg was amnutated at Jamaica and the other avist. John's Hospital, in Brooklyn. Jerome's wife, who died a year ago, is said to have left \$40,000 in trust for him and their three children. Since his discharge by the railroad company, in June last, he had, it is said, been drinking to excess, it was said at St. John's Hospital last night that he might survive. He lived near the scene of the accident. Railroad train at Woodhull Park early on Sun-

Stay of Execution in Mallonk Case.

Chancellor McGill yesterday refused to grant a writ of error in the case of Andreas Malinak, the Newark nurderer, who is under sentence to be honged on Jan. 27. In refusing the writ the Chancellor granted a certificate of dismissel, and that will carry the case to the Court of Errors and Appeals, and will not as a stay of execution.

A Hammerstein Judgment Satisfied. A satisfaction of a judgment for \$3,245.50 against Oscar Hammerstein was filed in the County Clerk's office in Brooklyn yesterday by the Standard Terra Cotta Company.



We shall give them another good one. Our stores will be closed this afternoon while the stock is being marked and put in order. Sale begins to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. See this evening's papers for full particu-

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